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THE WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair.

POPULAR JUSTICE FIRST.

Within the next 30 days the Morning Astorian proposes to put it up to Republican Astoria, squarely and honestly, to take back the government of this city into the hands of the dominant party, or hold its peace and take its medicine in such doses as the "boss" shall prescribe it. And we warn Republicans, here and now, that there will be no palatable medicines nor minor doses, if they fail to acquire, with their 500-majority, the complete control of the situation.

There is no rule so imperative as popular justice, first, and always.

The rule of the Boss falls before this demand, and this is the demand we are making in the name of the Republicans of this city.

We are not denying the good things that have come to Astoria from the good men who have figured in her administrations for the past 10 years; but we are not forgetting the evil and loss that has come to her, either; nor how it has been wrought, nor who wrought it, in the council and out of it. It may be thought there is no public knowledge of deals and dickers and dubious tricks that have been pulled off, but there is; and it is accompanied by a fast-growing sense of shame and revulsion that will find expression at the December polls, or we are no judge of public opinion.

Nor are we going to carry the whole load of this municipal inquisition. Every man who desires a change in the municipal menage must take a hand in this campaign and at the polling booths of the 9th of December and register his protest in terms that will be understood and remembered for years to come. Change is the only system of compelling the letter of legal observance in public administration; especially when an office-holding crowd has reached the point where bossism and personal interest have taken the place of candid and conscientious discharge of duty (with a few appreciated exceptions).

The city is perilously in debt, with more huge budgets brewing; she is in the toils of an over-done scheme of street improvement that has worked the practical confiscation of the properties of hundreds of her citizens, in behalf of which over a thousand deeds are about to be recorded giving title to the city on the score of delinquent assessments that wrought abandonment by owners too poor to save it; she is up against a deliberate scheme to impose an undigested, half-born, million-dollar sea-

wall improvement, which only time and scientific computation can measure the cost of; she is face to face with the final triumph of the "wide-open-town" doctrine and all the illicit and disgraceful concomitants belonging to it; she is charged with the solution of problems and crises that must be solved, or the millions of money that are carried elsewhere from here every year (of late), will continue to go out from Astoria's midst to her ultimate financial undoing. She is too small a city to stand for the enormous drain put upon her, and she must reverse these conditions or yield to the bitter alternative of civic bankruptcy. We refrain from detail now, knowing these generalities will be hotly denied by the opposition, privately and publicly; and when the denials are all in, the figures, people and details will be forthcoming, if occasion demands them. We are not eager to wash our dirty civic linen in public, but we'll do it!

OUR PLEA ENDORSED.

The Morning Astorian is gratified to realize that its plea for the abatement of the whistling nuisance on the bay and river finds endorsement in shipping circles at once emphatic and cordial.

There is a federal statute that absolutely forbids all unnecessary blowing of whistles on steamers and water craft; and we are just deeply enough interested in this crusade to invoke it if some attention is not paid to the warnings put forth by this paper in the interest of sick and suffering humanity in the homes and hospitals of Astoria.

The example of the A. & C. Railway Company, in silencing the whistles of its trains through the city limits, is a case strongly in point of the justice of our plea, and we intend to use it unrelentingly, until the abomination is abated to the legal limit.

The church-bell is another of the unessential noises and ailing public has to contend with. It is just as nerve-racking as the screaming whistle, and serves no better purpose. It was designed for the olden days and the remote parish, but its use has followed the massing of the people in the greater centers and is adhered to more upon the ground of an old and respected custom than from any utility it expresses or serves. Church hours are uniform and practically unchangeable; no man, woman, nor child has to be apprised of them in this day and age; yet a hundred clanging bells are set in motion at the very instant every parishioner anticipates them, and the malady-stricken everywhere "can do nothing but protest and suffer the

more. This is not the last we shall have to say of these things.

FOUR TO ONE.

By the incontestable proof of two elections held within this city inside of 10 days, the Republican strength of Astoria, electorally speaking, is as four to one! What more, in the name of Heaven, hope, or hazard, does a man want, to urge him to take what belongs to him by right of sheer numbers and the plea of a commanding franchise? Republicans of Astoria, just for once, in the interest of harmony with a nation that has claimed its own on that identical ratio, STAND PAT, and resume control of your own city!

SIGN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS.

The Morning Astorian is compelled, quite often, to like, to decline to publish anonymous communications that are really of public interest and concern, and we respectfully insist that all who shall favor us in this way, shall sign their names to the communication, not necessarily for publicity, but as an assurance to this office that the matter has authentic and responsible sponsorship. Sign any old "nome-de-plume" you wish to, at the end of your article, but always add your own name, in full and your address, that we may have the reserve right of referring to and consulting with you if it shall be essential.

Hon. Isaac Bergman and his wide circle of friends are not likely to forget the Ides of October and the insolent slight put upon him at the best of a suddenly-acquired aspiration, and inspiration, for the Astoria mayoralty. This wealthy, respectable and influential citizen has been man-handled out of the chief nomination as no other man was ever outdone in such a premise before.

The chairmanship of certain of the council committees have not been nearly so barren of compensation as the chief executiveship of the city was, it appears. No wonder there is such eagerness for re-election.

Astoria does not need a civic boss. She has enough communal gumption to dispense with the appendage, and will prove it on the 9th of next month.

This campaign is to be no "love-feast"; it is to be a sharp, hard fight for the ascendancy of the dominant political party and the elimination of ring politics in the City of Astoria. A gauge worth fighting for!

EXTERNAL REMEDY FOR ECZEMA

Why Salves Fail While a Simple Liquid Has Accomplished Thousands of Cures.

It is now thoroughly established among the best medical authorities that eczema is purely a skin disease, due to a germ and curable only through the skin. It is not a blood disease at all; in fact, thousands of people suffer with skin disease and are perfectly healthy otherwise, and therefore prove they have no diseased blood.

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F. N. Foulser, of Seattle, one of the publishers of the "Pacific Motor Boat" and himself a water motorist of prominence on Puget Sound, is a business visitor in Portland.

THE BOTTLE TREE.

A Life Saver For Cattle During the Australian Droughts.

"It was like a real bottle, thirty feet high, covered with the bark of a box tree and with a gum tree growing out where the cork ought to be."

Such was the way in which an Englishman described the first bottle tree which came under his notice, and truly one who does not know the tree its sudden appearance in his pathway, often in the midst of dense scrub, must make a vivid impression.

The lower part of the trunk is thick and cylindrical, decreasing in size toward the top, its shape being that of a gigantic lying bottle, from the neck of which spring the only branches and leaves that the tree possesses. In this respect it carries to an excess the peculiarity of most Australian trees—namely, their lack of branches for a considerable distance up the stem.

The bark is of grayish color and is very hard, says the Philadelphia Inquirer, but the wood inside is soft and moist. The latter can be chewed in the same way as sugar cane, but as it lacks its sweet, pleasant taste it is rarely used in this way. This peculiar characteristic of the tree, however, makes it a valuable food for cattle.

Indeed, during the long droughts which occasionally visit Australia hundreds of settlers have to thank the bottle tree for saving them from ruin. Sometimes for more than a year and in the inland districts for still longer periods scarcely a drop of rain falls.

Every blade of grass is dried; tanks become empty, creeks no longer run and in many cases dry up altogether, as do nearly all water holes and lagoons; cultivation is impossible, and fodder for cattle and horses is extremely difficult to procure. Then the bottle tree comes to the rescue. Every scrub is searched for these living bottles, and everywhere is heard the ringing of axes as the strange, attractive trees are laid low.

As soon as the trunk has been stripped of its bark the cattle are brought to it if within easy distance, and there they remain till neither leaves nor wood is left. In places where the settlers have no scrubs of their own they will drive many miles in order to obtain a wagon load of this great treasure.

Sometimes instead of allowing the animals free access to the tree the settlers cut the trunk into strips, put the strips through the cutter and thus make a substitute for proper chaff.

In many instances during a drought, except for prickly pears and the foliage of trees, cattle are fed on these living bottles alone, and they have been the means of saving large quantities of stock.

It seems strange that in the absence of rain these trees should retain their moist interior, as the majority of others look dry and drought stricken.

But throughout all the bottle tree flourishes, lifting its dark green leaves toward the sky, whether the farmers and squatters turn longing eyes in hopes of the wished for rain.

When the dry season ends and the land in a very few weeks is covered with fresh green grass, the work of the bottle tree is done. But, mindful of its past usefulness, no farmer unless under absolute necessity fells this tree, and it may often be seen standing in solitary grandeur, its strange shape outlined against the blue sky, while the land at its base has been put under cultivation or has been converted into grazing grounds for the cattle.

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